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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Ikuo TAKAHASHI et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1711**

Serial No.: **10/698,934**

Examiner: **Umakant RAJGURU**

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For: **BIODEGRADABLE PLASTIC COMPOSITION, A MOLDED ARTICLE
THEREOF AND A METHOD FOR CONTROLLING
BIODEGRADATION RATE USING THE SAME COMPOSITION**

Attorney Docket No.: **032044**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Date: January 14, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 14, 2004, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.